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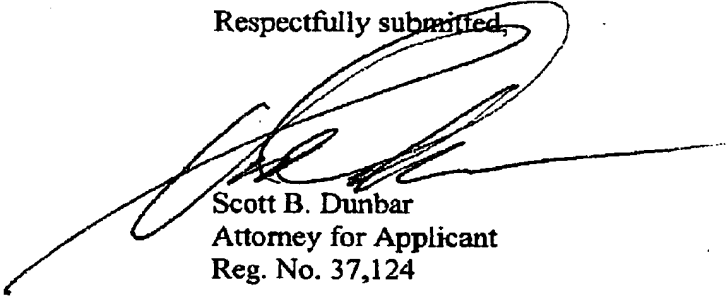
REMARKS

Applicant elects species 1, group 1, claims 1 – 4, 29, 30, 35, 36, 38 – 40, and 50.
Applicant reserves the right to further prosecute the non-elected claims in the present application, any continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional application.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance and the Examiner believes that a telephone conference may be helpful, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (818) 833-5055 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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